

EC-5601. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "William and Helen Woodral v. Commissioner" (112 T.C. 19(1999); Dkt. No. 6385-9), received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5602. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interest on Underpayments and Overpayments of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Interest" (RIN1515-AB76), received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5603. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Kingdom of Thailand; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5604. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Commerce Control List; Medical Products Containing Biological Toxins: ECCN 28351" (RIN0694-AB85), received October 7, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5605. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 53931; 10/05/99", received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5606. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 53933; 10/05/99" (FEMA-7296), received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5607. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 53938; 10/05/99", received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5608. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 53939; 10/05/99", received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5609. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Trademark Act of 1946; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5610. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the administration and enforcement of various laws; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5611. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Change in Pack Requirements—Correction" (Docket No. FV99-923-1 FIR), received October 7, 1999; to the Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5612. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "School Nutrition Programs: Nondiscretionary Technical Amendments", received October 7, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5613. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rhizobium Inoculants: Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL #6380-4), received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-365. A resolution adopted by the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church relative to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 492. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 106-181).

S. 1632. A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations for activities at Long Island Sound (Rept. No. 106-182).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2724. A bill to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (Rept. No. 106-183).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1720. A bill for the relief of Mrs. Ruth Hairston of Carson, California by the waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COVERDELL:

S. 1721. A bill to provide protection for teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1722. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any 1 State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1723. A bill to establish a program to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design, and construct facilities to mitigate impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the Pacific Ocean drainage of the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1724. A bill to modify the standards for responding to import surges under section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, to establish mechanisms for agricultural import monitoring and the prevention of circumvention of United States trade laws, and to strengthen the enforcement of United States trade remedy laws; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 202. A resolution recognizing the distinguished service of John E. Cook of Williams, Arizona; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1720. A bill for the relief of Mrs. Ruth Hairston of Carson, California by the waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

PRIVATE RELIEF LEGISLATION

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I am offering today legislation to assist Mrs. Ruth Hairston, of Carson, California. Identical legislation has passed the House without objection under the sponsorship of Representative JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD. I am pleased to support this effort in the Senate.

Mrs. Hairston requires this extreme step in order to be able to pursue a federal court appeal of the Merit Systems Protection Board (# CSF 2221413), which denied Mrs. Hairston's eligibility for an annuity following the retirement and untimely death of her former husband. The legislation does not require the annuity, but will only permit the filing of an appeal with the United States Court of Appeals. As a result, Mrs. Hairston will be permitted to challenge the denial on the merits, rather than accept the denial due to the failure to file an appeal within thirty days.

I would briefly like to describe the facts that warrant this legislation.

Mr. Paul Hairston retired in 1980, electing a survivor annuity for Mrs. Hairston to receive one-half the retirement benefit under the settlement terms. Mr. and Mrs. Hairston began receiving benefits in 1988.

The Merit Systems Protection Board, which reviews Civil Service retirement